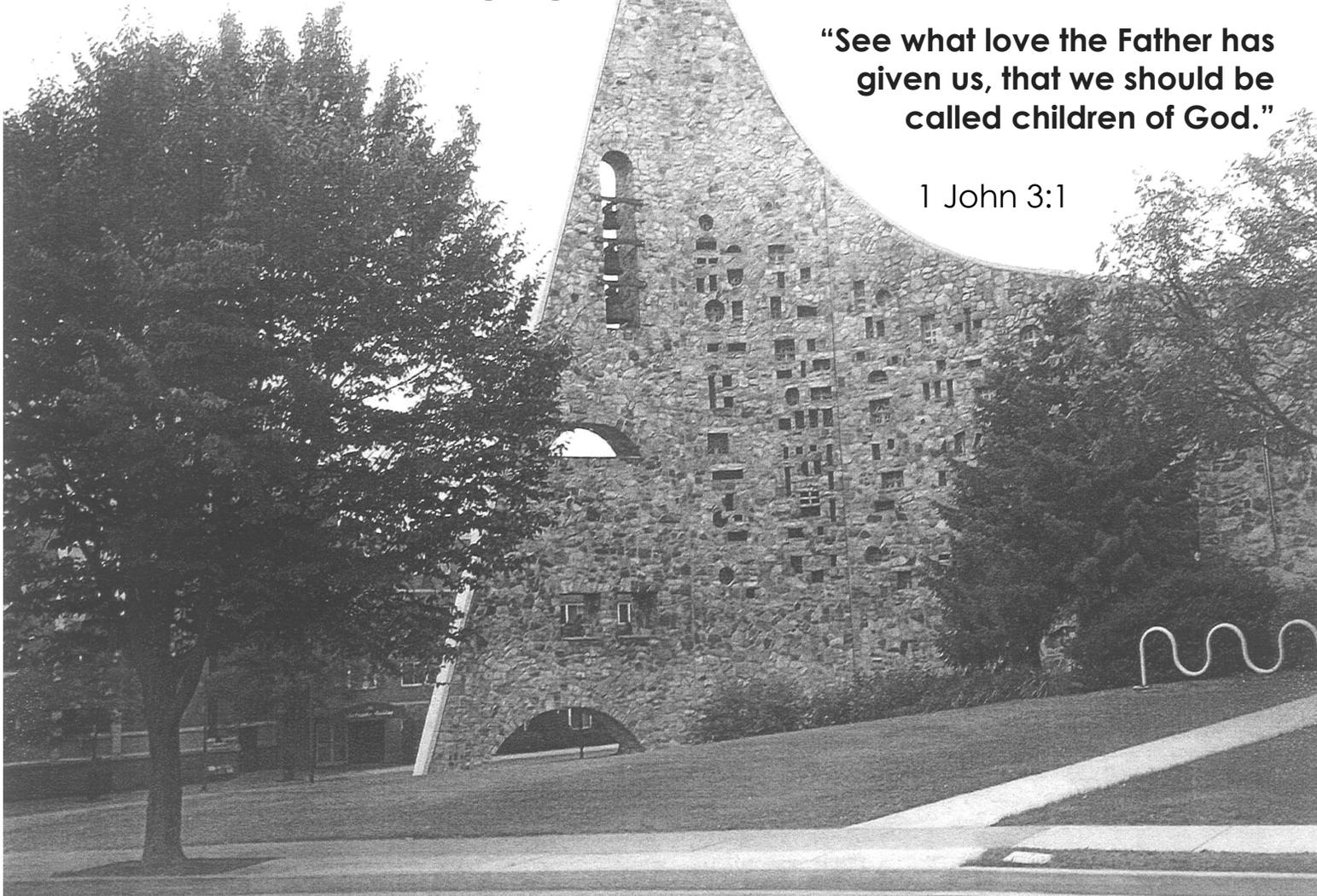


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“See what love the Father has  
given us, that we should be  
called children of God.”

1 John 3:1



**SUNDAY, Nov. 1, 2020**  
**All Saints Day**

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**ABOUT TODAY'S THEME...**All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

**ABOUT THE LESSONS....** **The First Lesson:** The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory. **The Second Lesson:** A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is. **The Gospel Lesson:** In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

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PRELUDE

- (8:30) *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*.....arr. R. Hobby  
      *Shall We Gather at the River*.....arr. D. Wood  
(10:30) *For All the Saints*.....Proulx/ Bédard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Kneel/Sit*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHER**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

GATHERING HYMN *For All the Saints*.....ELW # 422

Versus 1-3

## **For All the Saints**

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

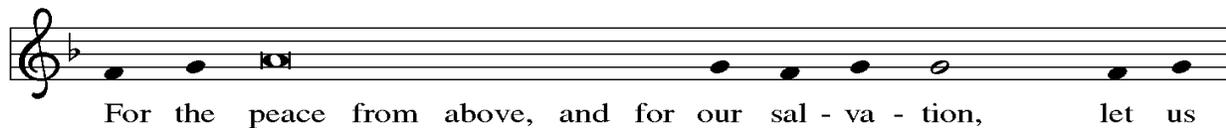
**C:** **And also with you.**

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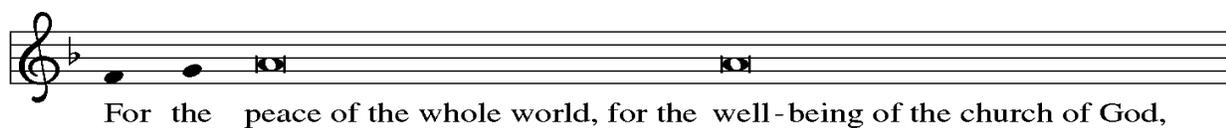
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



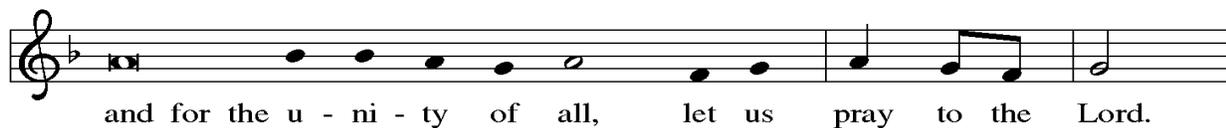
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



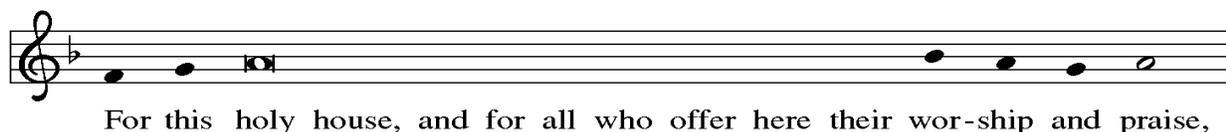
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



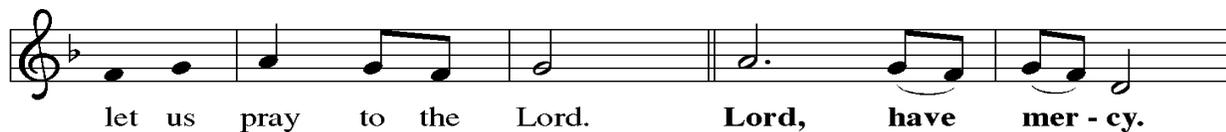
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



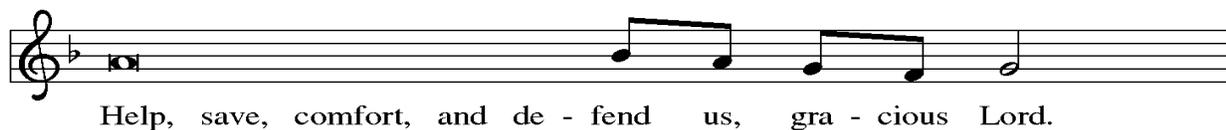
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



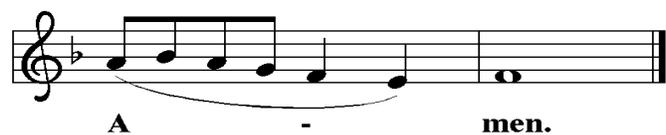
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

**C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FEED**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,  
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

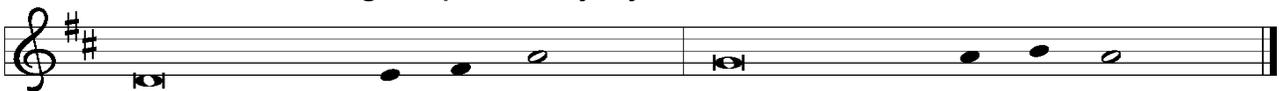
<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood

of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

PSALM 34 Please sing responsively by selected verses



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**P:** I will bless the LORD | at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

**C:** I sought the LORD, who | answered me

and delivered me from | all my terrors.

**P:** I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me

and saved me from | all my troubles.

**C:** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD

and de- | livers them.

**P:** Taste and see that the | LORD is good;

happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!

**C:** The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

SECOND LESSON.....1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

(10:30) DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

HYMN OF THE DAY *Children of the Heavenly Father*.....ELW # 781

# Children of the Heavenly Father

## *Tryggare kan ingen vara*

*Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,*  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

*stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.*  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and  
was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will  
come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

**P: Lord, in your mercy**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

( 8:30) OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Children of the Heavenly Father.....arr. J. Behunke*

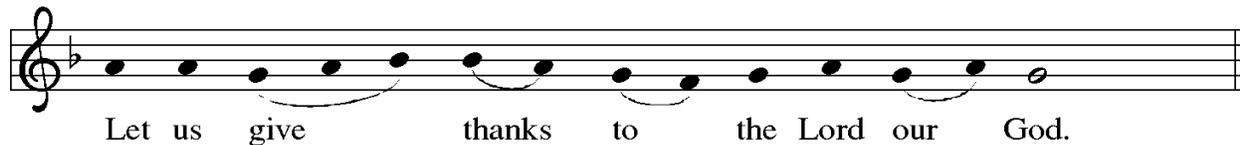
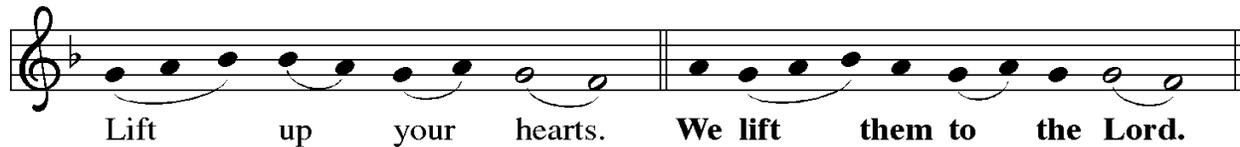
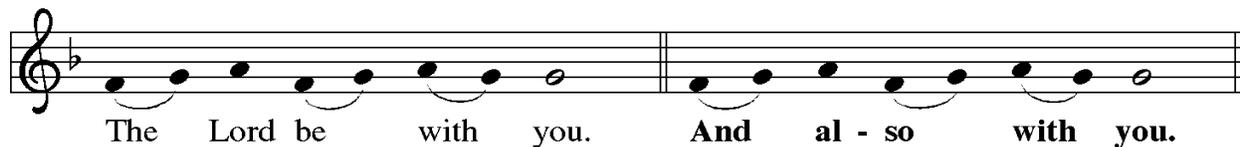
*During the offertory, take a moment to thank God for all that  
God has provided to you. Ask God to reveal how God is  
calling you to share your time, treasures, and talents.*

(8:30 & 10:30) OFFERING PRAYER

**P: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around  
your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among  
them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance and give  
thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and  
care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign  
and Servant.**

**C: Amen.**

(10:30) REFER TO PAGE 15



(8:30)P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(8:30) C:



(8:30)P: God of our weary years, God of silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become our cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(8:30)For as often as we share in this meal we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

(8:30) P: Remembering therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

(8:30)P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this meal with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

(8:30) P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, rejoicing in the hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

(8:30) **C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**C:**

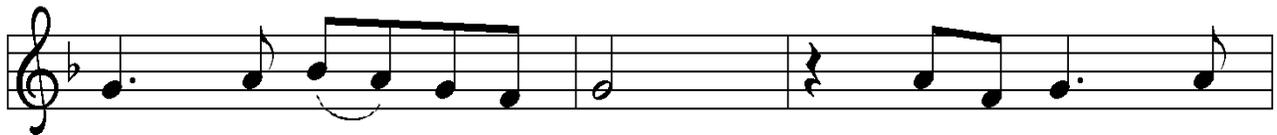
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

*You may now consume the communion wafer. During the communion music reflect upon how Christ has come to you in Holy Communion and the many ways Christ comes to you in the ordinary course of each day. Please take the wafer baggie home; it can be recycled.*

(8:30) **COMMUNION MUSIC**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*.....arr. M. Burkhardt

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

(8:30) POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

(ELW # 207)

**C:**



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

(8:30) PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

(10:30) A PRAYER WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE COMMUNION

**P:** Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, thanks be to you for all your works and all your gifts. You called creation out of chaos, filled it with life and light, brought forth grain and vine, and set us as stewards over your good work.

You called Israel to be your particular treasure, comforting and correcting them in love. When exile took them from your temple, you did not abandon them, but accompanied them, blessing them with your Word, enlivening them with your Spirit, and consoling them with your promise of return.

When the time had fully come, you sent your Son to be our Immanuel. In the night in which he was handed over, he gave us a Meal to remind and sustain us, to give voice to our praise of you and, by your Spirit, to bring us to your eternal life of joy, peace, and service.

Even while unable to share that Meal together, we receive that life by remembering our Lord Jesus Christ: the isolation of his death; his burial in a borrowed tomb; the wonder of his resurrection; and his promise to be with us always. We remember his birth far from home, his ministry without a place to lay his head; his welcoming of the lonely and excluded; his healing and feeding; his walking, unrecognized, with his dispirited disciples; and his ascension to be present wherever your right hand is active.

Especially in this time of separation, send your Holy Spirit to connect us while we are scattered, to enliven our imagination for service; to proclaim your Gospel in new ways; and to revel in your unexpected blessings. May that Spirit be our companion and advocate until the day we gather once more around your Table, and until the Day when you gather us into your heavenly feast.

We thank you with our lives, holy, mighty, and immortal God, praying in your Spirit, through your Son, with your Church, trusting in your love which no distance of time, space, or mortality can diminish.

**C: Amen.**

(10:30) **C:Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(8:30 & 10:30)

**SEND**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give + you peace.

**C: Amen.**

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

(8:30) *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*.....arr. K. Kosche

(10:30) *For All the Saints*.....Bédard



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At Pastor Schul's invitation, Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg of United Lutheran Seminary wrote "A Prayer While we are Unable to Celebrate Communion" to remind us of the many ways Jesus Christ calls us, feeds us, and is present with us even when we are unable to receive Holy Communion. We are grateful to Rev. Dr. Oldenburg for his gracious permission to use this prayer as part of our liturgy and to reprint it in our bulletin.

## PRAYER CONCERNS for Nov. 1, 2020

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries  
 Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim  
 Deb Baysinger's cousin  
 Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger  
 Debbie Bolthouse  
 Mary & Phil Bucher  
 Sandy Cassady  
 Linda Cataldo, step-mother of Deb Stewart  
 Denise Centini  
 Nancy Chapa  
 Scott Cocolin  
 Carol Confer  
 Cathy Cutter  
 The Cutter family upon the death of Francis Poole Cutter, Les Cutter's grandmother  
 William Davies  
 Marie Dallery mother of Sharon Shurgalla  
 Damaris Dougherty, daughter of Bob Hampton  
 Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of Rachel Wolkenhauer  
 Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes  
 Barbara & John Elliott, relatives of Laurel Sanders  
 Steve Ellis  
 Craig Evanego

Jane Gamble, sister-in-law of Holly Stoltzfus  
 Vicki Garvin  
 Alice Griffin  
 Mary Ann Hanelly and family, friends of Betsy Will  
 Shawn Hintosh  
 Dick Houtz  
 Bob Igoe  
 The family of Phil Keeney, upon his death  
 Cindy Keith  
 Kate Kempf, daughter of Pete And Angie Kempf & granddaughter of Merle & Kathy McCalips  
 June Krumrine  
 Paul & Sandy Larson  
 Paul Lloyd, son of Pat Lloyd  
 Wanetta Lohr  
 Shirley Lucas and family, upon the death of Phil Lucas  
 Tom Lucas  
 Paul Mackes  
 Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren  
 Dennis McClure  
 Danielle McHenry  
 Kim Marsh

Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller  
 Amy Neving  
 Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe  
 Allison Peretin, friend of Elaine Ebeling  
 Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener  
 Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins  
 Sophia Reutzel  
 Dottie Roberts  
 Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer  
 Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert  
 Lance Schul  
 Ken Shultz  
 William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite  
 Emily & Charlotte Spearly  
 Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin  
 Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman  
 Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite  
 Brenda & Ken Walsh  
 Greg Weimer  
 Janet Zerbe

### Members in the hospital



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. *Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.*

As we approach Election Day and the importance of all levels of government, we pray from our ELW hymnal:

Lord God, you call your people to honor those in authority. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, participate in wise decisions for our common life, and serve our neighbors in local communities. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Worship Opportunities at Grace

Grace Lutheran now offers "Drive-In Worship" each Sunday morning at 8:30 am. This service is in addition to our live radio broadcast, which continues each Sunday morning at 10:30 am on WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM and on smart devices, as well as our prerecorded video worship services.

**Pastors' weekly podcasts** – We invite you to listen to Grace's podcast, "A Pocketful of Grace," where Pastor Schul and Pastor Hetrick discuss and unpack the Sunday lessons. You can listen right away or download for later. Podcasts are available on our website or through Spotify, Tune In/Alexa, and iTunes. Wherever you go, take along a Pocketful of Grace.

*Pocketful of Grace*



PODCAST

**Wednesday Bible Study-** Pastor Hetrick is currently offering a three week study entitled "All Creation Sings," as we celebrate God's beautiful creation in Scripture, music and reflect upon our role as caretakers. A print study guide will be available on our website. Audio and video based recordings will be available on our website and on our Faith Formation website, [www.glcfaithformation.org](http://www.glcfaithformation.org).



## Harvest Home

Harvest Home continues to be celebrated during this season of Thanksgiving as a way to share our bounty with those who are in need.

Through your generosity, you help ALSM fulfill its mission and touch the lives of those we serve throughout our eight-county region. Checks may be made payable to Grace Lutheran with the memo portion indicating you gift designation for **Harvest Home**. You may also make your gift directly to ALSM online at [alsm.org/donate](http://alsm.org/donate) or by mail to 998 Logan Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602.



### Adult Forum

Sundays 9:30 to 10:30 am by ZOOM |

Join Us  
as your schedule allows and  
topics are of interest!

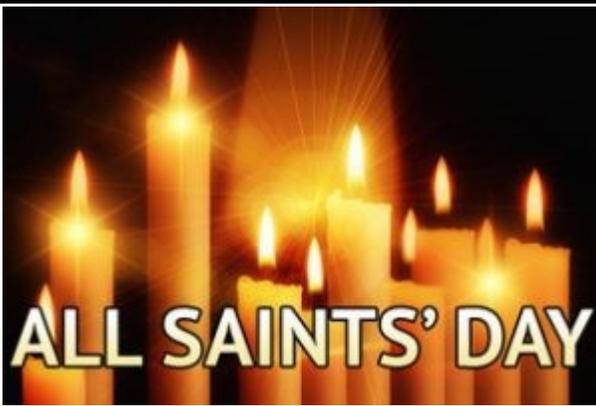
*Any adult is welcome to join us anytime—no preparation needed. Contact Dotty Delafield ([readooodles@me.com](mailto:readooodles@me.com)) for a zoom link to the class.*

**November 1:** More than Washing Dishes!

Hear from Grace's Green Team about its origins and its activities so far, and help the team think about ways it might grow its ministry into the future.

**November 8:** Creation Care in Action

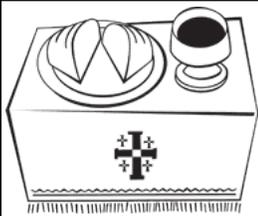
How can we apply the ideas we've been working with in our study of



## WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM...by name

— Dean Arnold, Gladys Carlson, Helen Evans, Norman Fischer, Elizabeth Fortmann, Herbert Graves, Philip Keeney, Larry Kuhns, Philip Lucas, Lucille Magnusson, Marti McDonough, Jo-Anne Miller, Vernon Neubert, Betty Shirk, Marcile Tressler, Billie Willits and Donald Willman—those who have been called by God from our Church Family since last All Saints Day. We

are still family! Death can not divide us! We shall never understand it more fully than in those moments when we come to our Father's table, with His Son, Jesus Christ as Host. In our worship we sing the songs of angels and we eat of heavenly food. To heal us and strengthen our faith, our Lord gives us this brief moment in the very presence of angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven!



## Holy Communion

These youth completed Holy Communion Instruction.  
Mya Hockenberry, Joseph Janik, Julia Simcoe,  
Nora Jean Stager & Natalie Anne Wild.  
Welcome to the table.

**Masks Needed**-Centre Volunteers in Medicine is in need of homemade masks. Solid and/or masculine are especially needed. If you can help, please contact Cheryl White at [cwhite@cvim.net](mailto:cwhite@cvim.net) or 814-231-4043.

**Garden of Readin' Nov. 17** - The November meeting of Garden of Read-in' (women's book club) will be Tuesday, November 17 at 10:30 am remotely via Zoom. The next book is *Call Your Daughter Home* by Deb Spera, co-facilitated by Linda Domin and Lois Lynn. Contact Laura Pauley ([llp1@psu.edu](mailto:llp1@psu.edu)) or Lois Lynn ([loissteve@comcast.net](mailto:loissteve@comcast.net)) for more info.

**Support Grace's Ministry:** Grace's church building may be closed, but Christ's Church remains vibrantly open! Grace needs your continued financial support in order to fund all of our ministries. You may continue to mail your offerings to Grace. Tithe.ly also provides a secure way to provide your offering via any major credit card. Visit [www.glcpa.org](http://www.glcpa.org) and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly) using your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Discover, or Diners Club card, you can support our ministries even when you cannot be present. Finally, a form for Direct Debit giving (via your bank) is available on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/yx8andkj>; just mail it to **Grace Lutheran Church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, 16801**. That is the absolute best way to provide for the regular funding of all that we do here at Grace to the glory of God and the service of our neighbors. Thank you for your commitment to our ministries during this challenging time.



It's time for Grace Lutheran's **Jared Box Collection!** Will you make a box? What is a Jared Box? A Jared Box is a plastic shoe-sized storage box filled with small gifts, toys, games, crayons, coloring books, and fun activities. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and gender. The boxes are given to children in the hospital to provide a special, fun diversion. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope and love.

**We will have the plastic storage boxes, instructions, and suggested gifts lists available. Pick up yours on Sundays 8:30 – 11:30 and Wednesdays 6:00 -7:00. Drop off your boxes at the same times. Dedication Sunday is Nov 22 – bring your shoebox back by then!**

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Learn more about The Jared Box Project at: <http://www.thejaredbox.com>  
Questions? Contact Marilyn Peterson at 814-571-8673 or [marilynpeterson5@gmail.com](mailto:marilynpeterson5@gmail.com).



### Bell Ringing for IHS!

The Interfaith Human Services Wishing Well Campaign will run November 27<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Grace Lutheran has always been a part of this event by ringing bells at Meyer Dairy. Our date is **Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Bell ringing is fun, will be outside, bundled up, masked, and no singing.

Sign-up for hours between 9am to 8pm. Children may help, but must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Sue Forster at [fsue58521@gmail.com](mailto:fsue58521@gmail.com) to sign up for an hour of this enjoyable activity while helping to support the programs at IHS.



So many of you have contributed to the State College Food Bank via Grace during the ongoing pandemic. It's our response to Jesus' love, isn't it? For now, we'll continue with monetary donations only. Please donate via Tithe.ly at [glcpa.org](http://glcpa.org). Click on the 'give' button at the top of the page OR send a check to church with 'food bank' written in the memo line and mail it to 205 S. Garner St., State College, PA 16801.

**Word in Season devotional booklets available** – If you would like to receive a copy of the Word in Season devotional booklets for October, November and December, you can pick up a copy in a basket on the waiting area bench inside the main entrance at Grace. Alternatively, Sally Keiser-Bankert will be happy to mail you a copy upon request. Please contact her via email at [sallykb@verizon.net](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net).

## FROM US TO YOU



## Christmas Cards for Inmates

*"Remember those in prison as if you were bound with them." Heb:13:3*

Join with Grace and make a Christmas card for inmates.  
Pick up a card and instructions from the cart outside the church doors.  
M-F 8-2 and Sun at 8:30

**Please return cards by Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



**The Jana Marie Foundation** is the recipient of the **November Bucket Collection**. Our Faith Formation team, using an ELCA grant, teamed with the foundation to have programming focused on youth depression, anxiety, and suicide prevention. Some of the training included adults and many of us took advantage of the programs. As a congregation we hope to work with The Jana Marie Foundation again. You may donate through Tithe.ly by going to the church website and clicking on the 'Give' button or by mailing a check with "Jana Marie Foundation" in the memo line to the church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, PA 16801



# Faith 5™



## SHARE

a "high" and a "low" – what's been the best part of your day, and what's been the hardest part of your day.



## READ

from God's Word. A Scripture verse or story will be provided and read by the glow of the fire.



## TALK

about the meaning of God's living Word and how it speaks to your life – maybe even your highs and lows – at this time.



## PRAY

with and for one another and the world, lifting one another in prayer and praising the God of life and love.



## BLESS

with simple words and a cross traced upon each others' foreheads, we remind one another that we belong to the living God.

NOVEMBER 1, 2020  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



*God promises glory and peace forevermore.*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	The beatitudes
Monday	Revelation 7:9-17	God will wipe away tears
Tuesday	1 John 3:1-3	Our hope in God
Wednesday	Joshua 3:7-17	Crossing over the Jordan River
Thursday	Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37	Thanksgiving for deliverance
Friday	John 11:17-27	The resurrection and life
Saturday	Psalms 34:1-10, 22	Honor the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	A parable of the ten bridesmaids

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"[F]or the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Revelation 7:17 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty God, we thank you for joining us to the saints throughout the ages through our shepherd, Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for this food as we taste and see that you are good. Amen. (Psalm 34:8)

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord of glory and honor and power and might bless you now and forever more. (Revelation 7:12)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Behold the Host  
Arrayed in White*

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about someone who has died and who was a loving gift to you.
- Describe or think about what being a saint means to you.
- What is your vision of heaven and how is that important to your daily life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Revelation 7:9-17.

The seer of this heavenly vision allows us to imagine the future of loved ones who have died, especially those who have shaped our own lives of faith with their living witness. Most likely they did not experience the kind of persecution envisioned in Revelation, but all lives know the pain and turmoil of daily struggles. In the end, what remains of their—and our—sufferings and disappointments are swept up in a larger reality, one that sees the Lamb at the center. This is Christ, our shepherd, who suffered and died and through whose blood our lives are purified that we all may stand before the throne of God. The truth of the reign of God through the Good Shepherd is that all our sorrows will be wiped away. We look to a future where there are no more tears, no more sadness to overcome. Yes, there is a great victory in life, it is the victory of the Lamb who was slain and now begins his reign of "[b]lessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and power and might . . . to our God forever and ever! Amen" (v. 12). How does this text give you comfort for loved ones who have died? How does it bring comfort for your own life?

Pray: Almighty and living God, we thank you for the promise of life and love and peace for all the saints—past, present, and future—through Christ our shepherd. Amen.

SERVICE

In the Bible, we learn about the disciples, the first followers of Jesus. They are set apart by God to witness to Christ and are called saints. All Christians are saints. In what ways do you witness to Christ through acts of service to others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saints Day is a time to remember all the saints in our lives, both the living and the dead. Take a white, plastic tablecloth, cover the table with it, and write on the tablecloth the names of those who have blessed your life. Place a candle in the center. Light the candle and pray: Dear God, thank you for the witnesses who have touched my life with faith, love, and hope. I thank you for (read the names) through Christ, the Lamb of God. Amen.